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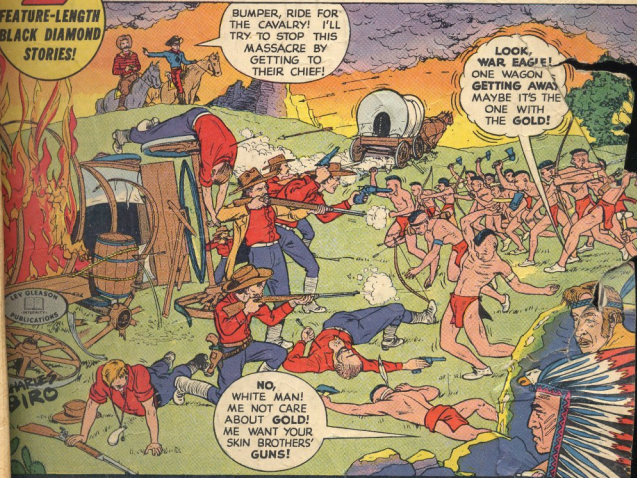
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FEATURE-LENGTH
BLACK DIAMOND
STORIES!

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BUMPER, RIDE FOR
THE CAVALRY! I'LL
TRY TO STOP THIS
MASSACRE BY
GETTING TO
THEIR CHIEF!

LOOK,
WAR EAGLE!
ONE WAGON
GETTING AWAY
MAYBE IT'S THE
ONE WITH THE
GOLD!

NO,
WHITE MAN!
WE NOT CARE
ABOUT GOLD!
WE WANT YOUR
SKIN BROTHERS'
GUNS!

BLACK DIAMOND AND
"THE PIT OF THE
KILLER BEAR OF
DEVIL'S VALLEY!"

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VENGEANCE AWAITED
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HUNDRED FEET DEEP? DOES
BLACK DIAMOND'S HORSE,
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the BLACK DIAMOND

IN "THE MYSTERY OF THE GOLD MINE AND THE FALLEN CAVE!"

OVER THE CENTURIES THE LURE OF LOST TREASURE HAS HYPNOTICALLY DRIVEN MEN TO EVERY CORNER OF THE EARTH! RIDE WITH BOB VALE, THE BLACK DIAMOND, IN A HUNT FOR A MILLION DOLLARS IN GOLD BARS HIDDEN SOMEWHERE IN THE DESERT OF WHISPERING MESA!

WE'RE RICH, DIAMOND! WE'VE FOUND THE GOLD WAGON!

LOOK, BUMPER! LOOK!

THROW UP YOUR HANDS, BOTH OF YOU, OR I'LL SHOOT YOU DOWN!



by William OVERGARD

WHO WAS THE STRANGE HUMAN WHO LURKED IN THE CAVERNS OF WHISPERING MESA GUARDING A ROTTING OLD WAGON? FOLLOW U.S. MARSHAL BLACK DIAMOND, WHO IS BOB VALE WHEN NOT IN MASK, AS HE UNCOVERS THE MYSTERY OF THE LOST CONFEDERATE GOLD WAGON!



IT'S GETTING LATE, BUMPER! WE'D BETTER BE HEADING BACK FOR THE RANCH! MOM WAS EXPECTING US FOR SUPPER!

SURE, DIAM—! MEAN, BOB!



EEEEEEKKKK!

BUMPER! THAT'S A WOMAN'S SCREAM!

IT CAME FROM THAT HOUSE!



COME ON, BUMPER!



GRAB HIM, BUMPER! I'M GOING UPSTAIRS TO HELP THE WOMAN!

LEAVE HIM TO ME, BOB! I'LL GET... UGH!

HE GOT AWAY FROM BUMPER... WE'LL NEVER CATCH HIM IN THIS DARKNESS! WHAT WAS HE UP TO, MA'AM?

I DON'T KNOW... I CAN'T UNDERSTAND IT! I HAD OVER A HUNDRED DOLLARS IN SAVINGS AND HE DIDN'T TOUCH IT! HE WAS LOOKING THROUGH OLD PAPERS OF MY FATHER'S I HAD LOCKED IN THE DESK!

I WOULD'VE HAD HIM, BOB, BUT I TRIPPED!



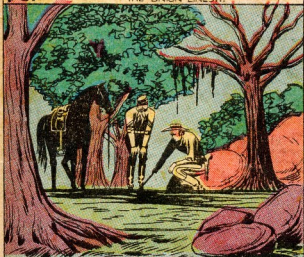
LET'S SEE—HERE'S A PAPER HE DROPPED WHEN I SURPRISED HIM... WHY, IT'S AN OLD MAP OF MY FATHER'S— IT COULDN'T BE ANYTHING OF IMPORTANCE, UNLESS...

THERE MUST BE MORE TO IT... MAYBE IF YOU CONFIDED IN US, MA'AM, WE COULD HELP YOU...



WELL, IT ALL STARTED DURING THE CIVIL WAR—MY FATHER WAS A SCOUT FOR THE SOUTH! HE WAS IN CALIFORNIA ON A SECRET MISSION TO BRING BACK A SHIPMENT OF GOLD AND GUNS DESPERATELY NEEDED BY THE CONFEDERACY!

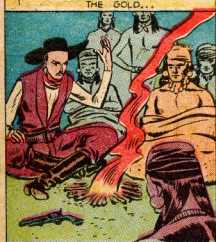
...AT A SECRET RENDEZVOUS HE AND ANOTHER AGENT MET AND DISCUSSED THE ROUTE TO BE USED IN SMUGGLING GUNS AND GOLD THROUGH THE UNION LINES...



BUT, UNKNOWN TO THEM, A THIRD PARTY WAS LISTENING, A RENEGADE THEY HAD HIRED TO DRIVE ONE OF THE WAGONS...



AS SOON AS HE COULD, THIS MAN SLIPPED AWAY AND MADE HIS OWN DEAL... WITH A BAND OF APACHES! IF THEY ANNULATED THE PARTY, THEY WOULD GET THE GUNS AND THE GOLD...



...TWO DAYS LATER, ON THE TRAIL, THE PARTY WAS ATTACKED, AND AFTER A STIFF FIGHT ALL ITS MEMBERS WERE WIPED OUT...



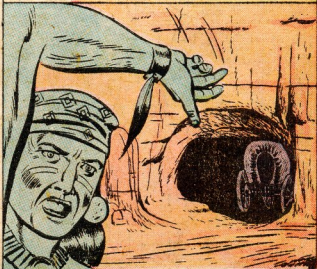
...ALL THAT IS, BUT FATHER AND THE GOLD WAGON! HE PUT THE LASH TO HIS HORSES AND MANAGED TO BREAK THROUGH! FOR A WHILE HE OUTDISTANCED THEM BECAUSE THE INDIAN HORSES WERE TIRED FROM THE LONG RAID!



...SOON HIS HORSES ALSO BEGAN TO TIRE... DESPERATELY HE LOOKED FOR A HIDING PLACE - BY PURE LUCK HE FOUND IT - A CAVERN IN THE SIDE OF A HUGE MESA! HE PULLED UP THE HORSES AND WAITED...



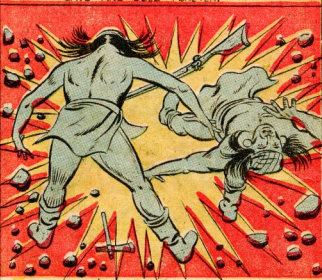
BUT THE INDIANS KNEW EVERY INCH OF THAT TREACHEROUS LANDSCAPE, AND BEFORE LONG THEY HAD LOCATED HIS HIDING PLACE...



AS THE INDIANS CLOSED IN, MY FATHER PLAYED HIS ACE: CAREFULLY HE HAD ARRANGED DYNAMITE ALONG THE MOUTH OF THE CAVE, AND WHEN THEY WERE A FEW FEET AWAY, SET IT OFF...



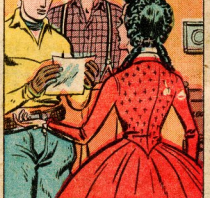
...KILLING EVERYONE IN RANGE, AND SEALING THE CAVE AND GOLD FOREVER!



THAT'S QUITE A STORY, MA'AM! BUT HOW DID YOU COME BY IT IF EVERYONE WAS KILLED?



THE WAR DEPARTMENT PIECED IT TOGETHER FROM THE INDIANS! THERE'S STILL A MILLION DOLLARS IN GOLD SOMEWHERE IN THOSE HILLS! IF THE INDIANS KNOW ANYTHING, THEY'RE NOT TELLING!



STILL, IT'S WORTH THE CHANCE! IF YOU DON'T MIND, MA'AM, I'D LIKE TO MAKE A COPY OF THIS MAP! I'VE GOT A FRIEND WHO MIGHT BE INTERESTED IN A LITTLE EXPEDITION FOR LOST GOLD—WITH YOU AS HIS PARTNER, OF COURSE!



A RIGHT CLOSE ONE, MA'AM! FOLKS HEREABOUT CALL HIM THE BLACK DIAMOND: COME ON, BUMPER, WE'VE GOT SOME RIDING TO DO!



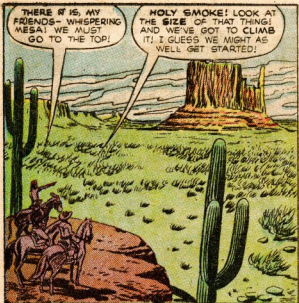
YOU'RE IN FOR HALF OF MY SHARE! GOOD LUCK, BOYS!



LET'S GO, RELIAPON!







THERE IT IS, MY FRIENDS—WHISPERING MESA! WE MUST GO TO THE TOP!

HOLY SMOKE! LOOK AT THE SIZE OF THAT THING! AND WE'VE GOT TO CLIMB IT! I GUESS WE MIGHT AS WELL GET STARTED!



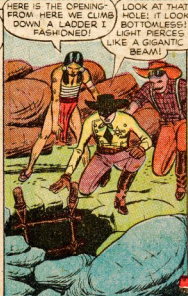
CAREFUL, NOW—ONE SLIP AND—

DON'T EVEN SAY IT! IT MUST BE A THOUSAND FEET STRAIGHT DOWN!



WOW! THE TOP AT LAST! WHAT HAPPENS NOW, QUICK AX?

THE OPENING TO THE CAVE IS HIDDEN IN THE ROCKS!

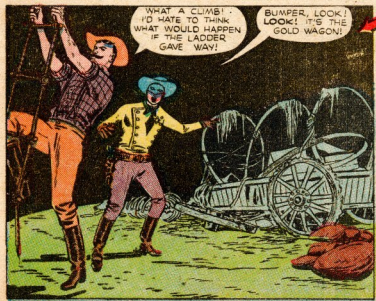


HERE IS THE OPENING—FROM HERE WE CLIMB DOWN A LADDER I FASHIONED!

LOOK AT THAT HOLE! IT LOOKS BOTTOMLESS! THE LIGHT PIERCES IT LIKE A GIGANTIC BEAM!

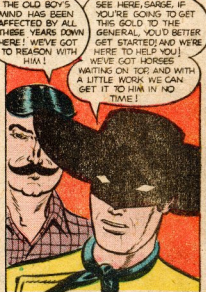
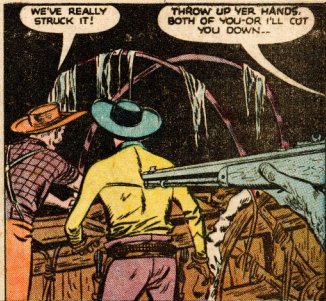


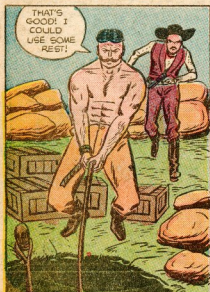
YOU ARE A GOOD CRAFTSMAN, QUICK AX! THIS IS A FINE LADDER!



WHAT A CLIMB! I'D HATE TO THINK WHAT WOULD HAPPEN IF THE LADDER GAVE WAY!

BUMPER, LOOK! LOOK! IT'S THE GOLD WAGON!







YOU'RE TRAPPED! BUT DON'T FRET! YOU'LL ONLY LIVE FOR ABOUT NINE DAYS OF TORTURE WITHOUT WATER, AND THEN WHISPERING MESA WILL BE STILLED FOREVER!



...ALL THIS TIME, THE OLD SCOUT REMAINS MOTIONLESS! THEN, SLOWLY, THE EXPRESSION ON HIS FACE CHANGES. AS MEMORIES FLOOD BACK...

I KNOW THAT VOICE! IT'S THAT BLACK-HEARTED RENEGADE THAT TURNED THE INJUNS ON US!



THAT'S RIGHT, OLD MAN! I DON'T KNOW HOW YOU'VE SURVIVED ALL THESE YEARS, BUT IT MAKES NO DIFFERENCE—I'VE FINALLY FOUND THE GOLD, AND NOTHING WILL STOP ME NOW!



WHY... YOU BLASTED TRAITOR!

BANG!

BANG!

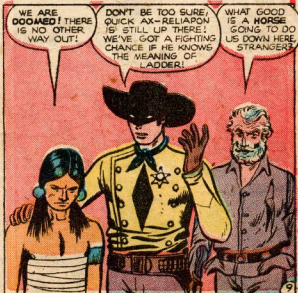


SAVE YOUR AMMUNITION, OLD TIMER—HE'S GOT US, AND HE KNOWS IT!

I'LL GET HIM... I'LL GET HIM...



ADIOS, MY FRIENDS! HAPPY STARVATION! HA-HA-HA HA-HA!



WE ARE DOOMED! THERE IS NO OTHER WAY OUT!

DON'T BE TOO SURE! QUICK AX-RELIAPON IS STILL UP THERE! WE'VE GOT A FIGHTING CHANCE IF HE KNOWS THE MEANING OF LADDER!

WHAT GOOD IS A HORSE GOING TO DO US DOWN HERE, STRANGERS?



THIS IS NO ORDINARY HORSE, OLD TIMER—RELIAPON IS SMARTER THAN MOST HUMANS! WATCH...

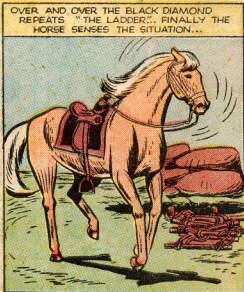
RELIAPON! HERE, BOY! HERE!



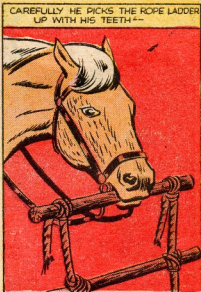
AT HIS MASTER'S VOICE, RELIAPON MOVES CAUTIOUSLY TOWARD THE EDGE OF THE CAVE OPENING...



ALL RIGHT, BOY—NOW DROP THE LADDER DOWN! DROP THE LADDER DOWN!



OVER AND OVER THE BLACK DIAMOND REPEATS "THE LADDER... FINALLY THE HORSE SENSES THE SITUATION...



CAREFULLY HE PICKS THE ROPE LADDER UP WITH HIS TEETH--



AND DROPS IT IN!



HE DID IT! HE DID IT!

GOOD OLD RELIAPON! I KNEW HE'D COME THROUGH!



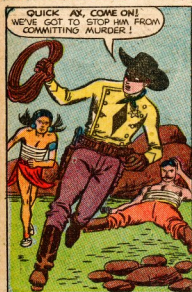
QUICK AX, HELP ME WITH BUMPER! HE'S STILL OUT FROM THAT CRACK ON THE HEAD!



THE WATER DID IT! HE'S COMING AROUND!

DIAMOND, LOOK!

GITTA UP!



QUICK AX, COME ON! WE'VE GOT TO STOP HIM FROM COMMITTING MURDER!



THESE YEARS OF SEARCHING HAVE FINALLY PAID OFF! A MILLION IN GOLD IN THE BAGS, AND THE LAST OF THOSE WEDDING FOOLS LEFT TO ROT IN THAT CAVE ... HEY, WHO'S THAT?



BLAZES! IT'S THE OLD MAN! IT COULDN'T BE - BY THUNDER, I'LL FINISH HIM THIS TIME!



BLAST IT! I CAN'T GET HIM INTO MY SIGHTS WHILE I'M ON THE MOVE!

BLAZE AWAY, YA BLASTED FOOL! I'LL TRAIL YOU TO THE DEVIL HIMSELF!

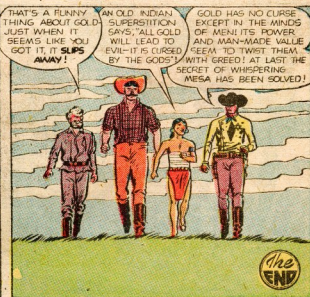
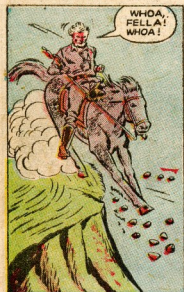
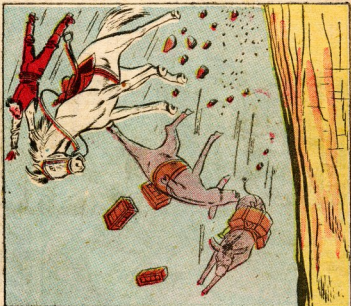


DIAMOND, LOOK! THERE THEY ARE - RACING ALONG THE CLIFF EDGE!

GOOD GOSH! THE FOOLS WILL NEVER MAKE THAT NEXT CURVE...

OLD TIMER, SLOW UP! SLOW UP!

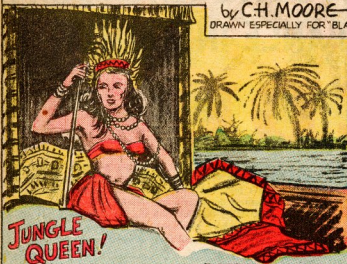
HE CAN'T HEAR ME! COME ON, THERE'S ONE SLIM CHANCE!



The END

STRAIGHT AS AN ARROW!

by C.H. MOORE
DRAWN ESPECIALLY FOR "BLACK DIAMOND WESTERN!"



JUNGLE QUEEN!

WHEN DESOTO EXPLORED FLORIDA, HE WAS GREETED IN THE JUNGLES OF THE NORTH BY AN INDIAN QUEEN, WHOSE BEAUTY AND REFINEMENT WERE EQUAL TO THAT OF CLEOPATRA, AND LIKE CLEO SHE TRAVELED IN A CANOPIED BARGE WITH CUSHIONS AND RUGS SCATTERED OVER THE DECK! DESOTO CAPTURED THE JUNGLE QUEEN OF CATIFACHIQUI AND KEPT HER PRISONER! HE KNEW THE INDIANS WOULD NOT ATTACK HIS MEN AS LONG AS THE QUEEN REMAINED IN HIS COMPANY! SHE HAD ENTERED HIS CAMP WITH GOOD-WILL GIFTS OF INDIAN BLANKETS AND RARE PEARLS, AND HER OWN PEOPLE THOUGHT SHE WAS REMAINING AT DESOTO'S CAMP AS A GUEST!



IN 1725 THE GOVERNMENT OF THE MASSACHUSETTS COLONY OFFERED A REWARD OF 100 POUNDS (ENGLISH MONEY) FOR EACH AND EVERY INDIAN SCALP BROUGHT INTO BOSTON!

C.H. MOORE

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THE INDIANS BELIEVED THAT THE PATHWAY TO HEAVEN WAS LINED ON BOTH SIDES WITH WILD STRAWBERRIES!

THE SHOSHORES INDIANS.

(Rocky Mt Area)

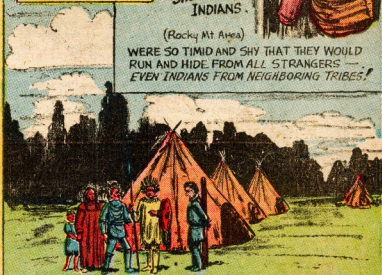
WERE SO TIMID AND SHY THAT THEY WOULD RUN AND HIDE FROM ALL STRANGERS — EVEN INDIANS FROM NEIGHBORING TRIBES!



THE BOTOCUDOS INDIANS of Brazil

STRETCHED THEIR LOWER LIPS BY PLACING WOODEN DISKS INSIDE THEIR MOUTHS!

THEY DID THIS TO MAKE THEMSELVES LOOK FEROCIOUS TO THEIR ENEMIES!



WHITE MEN CAPTURED BY THE INDIANS WERE VERY OFTEN GIVEN A CHOICE OF DEATH BY TORTURE OR MARRIAGE TO A SQUAW WHOSE HUSBAND HAD BEEN KILLED BY A WHITE MAN!

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BLACK DIAMOND'S PAGE OF WESTERN LORE

by
**WILLIAMS-
OVERGARD**

THE COWBOY AND HIS EQUIPMENT

(THE FOURTH OF A SERIES)

HANDKERCHIEF

THIS ARTICLE IS NOT AN ORNAMENT OR DECORATION, BUT IS USED AS A PROTECTION FROM DUST, WIND, AND COLD WHEN PULLED OVER THE FACE!

GUN

THE COWBOY'S LIFE OFTEN DEPENDS ON HIS WEAPONS! AS A PROTECTION FROM SNAKES AND ANIMALS, IT IS A NECESSITY!

GLOVES

GLOVES ARE USED BY THE COWBOY CONSTANTLY! THEY PROTECT HIS HANDS FROM BURNS AND BLISTERS!

LARIAT

CALLED "LASSO" OR ROPE, IT IS ONE OF THE MOST IMPORTANT PARTS OF THE COWBOY'S EQUIPMENT! IT IS MADE OF HEMP AND IS FROM FORTY TO SEVENTY FEET IN LENGTH!

CONCHAS

THEIR MAIN PURPOSE, OUTSIDE OF A DECORATIVE VALUE, IS TO HIDE A SPOT IN THE LEATHER WHERE A FASTENER OF THE STRING OR RIVET HAS BEEN USED!

BOOTS

THE HIGH HEEL IS USED AS A SAFEGUARD FOR KEEPING THE FOOT FROM SLIPPING OUT OF THE STIRRUP AND BECOMING "HUNG UP"!

HAT

THIS "TEN GALLON" OR "SOMBRERO", AS IT IS CALLED, IS USED AS SHELTER FROM RAIN OR SUN AND ALSO TO DRINK FROM WHEN NO CUP IS AVAILABLE!

BUCKSKIN JACKET

THE BUCKSKIN OR LEATHER JACKET HAS LONG BEEN IN USE BY THE COWBOY FOR ITS WARMTH AND DURABILITY. IN EARLY TIMES, IT WAS HAND-MADE FROM ANIMAL SKINS!

QUIRT

THE QUIRT IS A SHORT WHIP MADE OF LEATHER AND IS LOOSELY BOUND TO THE WEARER'S WRIST BY A LOOP! IT IS USED ONLY WHEN AN ANIMAL NEEDS EXTREME PERSUASION!

CHAPS

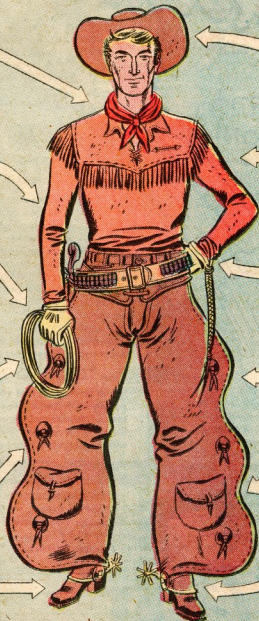
THESE NECESSARY PARTS OF A COWBOY'S EQUIPMENT ARE USED AS PROTECTION AGAINST CACTUS, BRUSH AND HORSES! THIS TYPE SHOWN HERE IS CALLED "BAT-WING"!

CHAPS' POCKETS

POCKETS ARE ALWAYS NEEDED BY THE BUSY COWBOY! THEY CONTAIN A MULTITUDE OF EQUIPMENT IN A HANDY SPOT!

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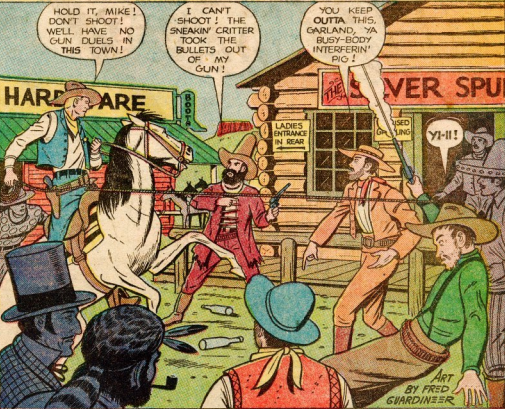
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IT WAS A HOT SUMMER AFTERNOON, AND EVEN THE USUAL BUSY, NOISY TOWN OF GIVERRA WAS QUIET—ALMOST!



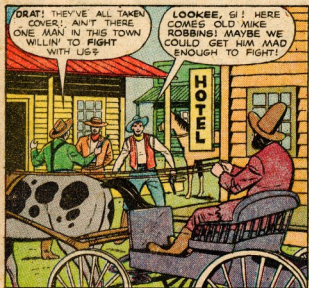
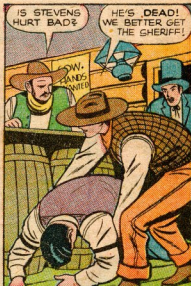
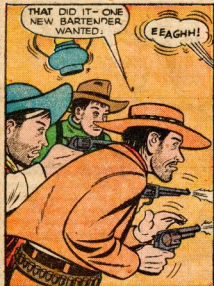
THAT'S TWO MORE FOR ME, AB! I'M FIVE UP ON YA NOW!

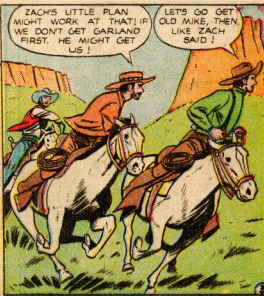
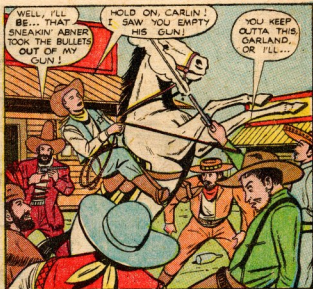
WHY DON'T YOU CARLIN BOYS LAY OFF? STOP, CALL YA, OR DO I HAFTA CALL SHERIFF GARLAND?



YA HEAR THAT, BROTHERS? STEVENS SAYS HE'LL TELL THE LAW ON US—IF WE DON'T STOP SHOOTIN' UP HIS LIQUOR!

ALL RIGHT, ZACH—THEN WE'LL SHOOT HIM! THEN HE WON'T BE ABLE TO TELL!

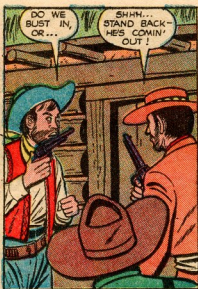






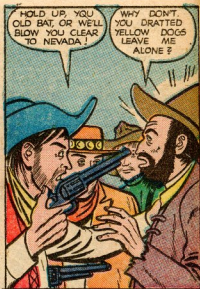
DO YA THINK SHERIFF GARLAND HELPED THE OLD WEASEL HOWE? IF HE DID, HE MAY STILL BE THERE!

WHAT FOR? OLD MIKE DIDNT GET HURT! HE'LL BE ALONE!



DO WE BUST IN, OR...

SHHH... STAND BACK- HE'S COMIN' OUT!



HOLD UP, YOU OLD BAT, OR WE'LL BLOW YOU CLEAR TO NEVADA!

WHY DONT YOU DRATTED YELLOW DOGS LEAVE ME ALONE?



I GOT VEGETABLES TO PICK OUT OF MY GARDEN- THEY'LL ROT IN THIS HOT SUN!

THAT WONT MAKE ANY DIFFERENCE TO YOU, MIKE- NOT WHERE YOU'RE GOIN'! GET ON YOUR HORSE AN' COME ALONG! ZACH, GO DELIVER THAT NOTE TO GARLAND!



YAHOO! MAKE WAY FOR THE PONY EXPRESS! SOME MAIL FOR SHERIFF GARLAND!

LOOK OUT! IT'S THAT LOONY ZACH CARLIN!



SOME DAY I'LL GET THOSE SLIPPERY CARLINS! WHAT'S THIS?

IT LOOKS LIKE A NOTE, CHIEF!



WE'RE TAKING OLD MIKE FOR A VISIT TO EAGLE POINT! MAYBE HELL LIKE THERE SO MUCH HE WONT COME BACK- EVER! IF YOU'D LIKE TO VISIT HIS GRAVE, SOME- TIME, WE'LL SHOW IT TO YOU...

THEY'RE JUST LOCO ENOUGH TO MURDER MIKE UNLESS WE GET TO THEM FIRST, CHIEF!



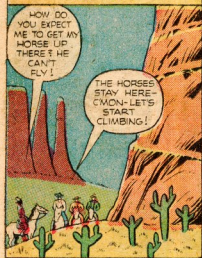
NO, JACK! IT'S A CHALLENGE TO ME, AND I'M GOING TO CALL THEIR BLUFF-ALONE!



THERE ARE PLENTY OF MEN HERE IN OVERRA WHO'D BE GLAD TO GO WITH YOU, SHERIFF!

THE CARLINS WOULD PICK THEM OFF BEFORE THEY GOT TO THE TOP OF THE POINT! I CAN MAKE IT BETTER BY MYSELF AT NIGHT!

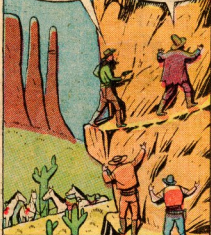
AT SUNDOWN, THE CARLINS AND THEIR PRISONER HAD REACHED EAGLE POINT...



HOW DO YOU EXPECT ME TO GET MY HORSE UP THERE? HE CAN'T FLY!

THE HORSES STAY HERE—S-M-O-N—LET'S START CLIMBING!

MOVE FASTER, YOU CREEPY OLD LIZARD, OR YOU'LL GET A BULLET IN THE BACK!



GO ON, SHOOT! I CAN'T BE ANY DEADDER THAN IF I FALL OFF THIS MESA!



WHAT'S TO STOP ME FROM BOOTIN' YOU IN THE MOUTH, SIMON?

A BULLET! TURN AROUND AN' KEEP MOVIN'; OR THE NEXT ONE GOES THROUGH YOUR HEAD!



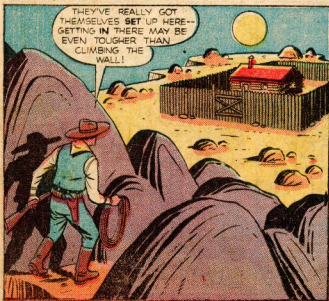
THAT'S OLD MIKE'S HORSE—THEY'RE UP THERE ALL RIGHT! I'LL MAKE A GOOD TARGET IF I DON'T CIRCLE THE MESA AND GET UP ANOTHER WAY!



HERE GOES! THEY'LL NEVER BE LOOKING FOR ME TO ARRIVE ON THIS SIDE--



MAYBE I SHOULD'VE TAKEN MY CHANCES GOING UP THE EASY WAY!



THEY'VE REALLY GOT THEMSELVES SET UP HERE-- GETTING IN THERE MAY BE EVEN TOUGHER THAN CLIMBING THE WALL!

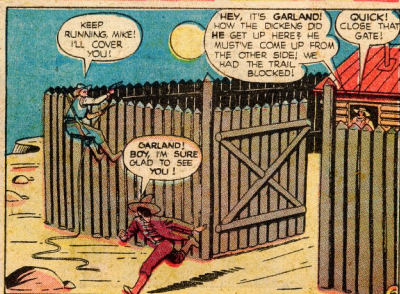
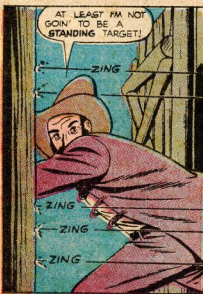
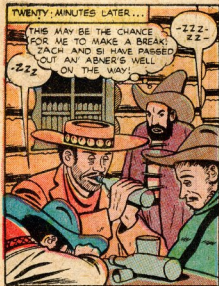


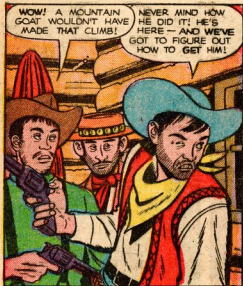
MEANWHILE--

LOOK, IF YOU FELLOWS AREN'T GOIN' TO GIVE ME ANYTHING TO EAT, WHY DON'T YOU LET ME GO HOME AND GET A BITE?

KEEP QUIET TILL WE FINISH, AND MAYBE WE'LL TOSSE YOU A BONE!

SI! GET THE BOTTLE OUT; I COULD USE A DRINK!





WOW! A MOUNTAIN GOAT WOULDN'T HAVE MADE THAT CLIMB!

NEVER MIND HOW HE DID IT! HE'S HERE - AND WE'VE GOT TO FIGURE OUT HOW TO GET HIM!



GARLAND WON'T STICK AROUND HERE! HE'LL BE TAKIN' THAT OLD MULE BACK TO TOWN SO WE CAN'T HURT HIM! WE CAN GET 'EM BOTH BY SHOOTIN' DOWN THE SIDE AT 'EM! LET'S GO GET 'EM!



I RECKON WE OUGHT TO BE GETTIN' OUT OF HERE, SHERIFF!

I DON'T THINK SO, MIKE! WE'D MAKE A AWRIGHTY FINE TARGET, AND THERE'D BE NO WAY OF DEFENDIN' OURSELVES! OUR ONLY CHANCE IS TO FIND US A GOOD SPOT AND WAIT FOR THEM TO MAKE THE FIRST MOVE!



CRACK!

EEYIII! Y-YOU'RE WRONG, SI - THEY DIDN'T LEAVE!

THEY WILL WHEN IT'S LIGHT - THEN WE'LL GET 'EM!



CAME THE DAWN...

HERE THEY COME, MIKE! YOU START CLIMBIN' DOWN WHILE I COVER YOU!

WHAT D'YOU TAKE ME FOR, GARLAND? I'M NOT LEAVIN' YOU ALONE AGAINST THOSE THREE BUZZARDS!



THEY'RE NOWHERE AROUND THE STOCKADE! MAYBE THEY CLIMBED DOWN AFTER ALL!

YA KNOW THEY DIDN'T, YA FOOL! WE WATCHED ALL NIGHT, DIDN'T WE? THE ONLY PLACE THEY COULD BE IS BEHIND THOSE BOULDERS!



MAYBE WE OUGHT TO FORGET 'EM, AB! WE CAN GET GARLAND SOME OTHER TIME!

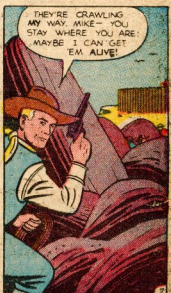
I KNOW GARLAND! HE WON'T LEAVE TILL HE TAKES US WITH HIM! WE'VE GOT TO GO THROUGH WITH IT NOW!

SOMEBODY'S IN FOR A SURPRISE!

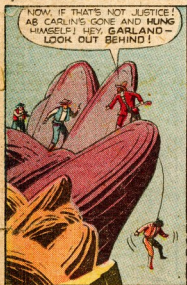


CRACK!

EEGOW! SI! AB! HIT THE GROUND! WE'LL HAVE TO CREEP UP ON THEM!



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CURLEY HOLT'S POP said the Lord must have put Curley together with tooth-picks. His Mom said he'd grow out to fit his jeans but she sighed when she thought about his spindly fourteen-year-old frame. No matter how you looked at him, Curley was the most awkward, the most coltish boy you ever laid eyes on. Except when he was on a horse. He'd spent half his life astride Ricketts, his cow pony, and the minute he was in her saddle, Curley seemed to find an ease and adeptness that he never could muster at school or even at home.

Now, as he raced Ricketts down the road, he looked almost a man.

"Come on, Ricketts!" he muttered. "Just make it a half-mile more, and then you can have a rest." There was an adult urgency in his voice, and his exhausted muscles ached as he urged Ricketts onward.

Minutes later, he reined the sweating pony up short at the corral gate of Judge Baker's B-B Ranch, jumped off and ran for the house.

"Judge Baker! Judge Baker!" he called.

"Curley Holt, your Pa would skin you alive if he saw you ridin' your pony that hard!" said the Judge.

"Judge Baker! Them rustlers! I got 'em!" interrupted Curley.

"You what!?"

"I mean I saw 'em!" gasped the boy. "I know who they are! Pa sent me to the upper pasture this morning to check the water hole, and there they were, workin' our cattle in broad daylight just as if they were their own. I knew you'd help us stop 'em. It was Big Tom Stegler and his gang that call themselves homesteaders."

"Why, I'll be . . . So *that's* whose been cuttin' our herds!" The Judge's eyes blazed with anger. "Jake! Herk! Come over here—and tell all the boys to come, too!" He turned back to Curley. "Which way were they drivin' the herd, Curley?"

"South, Judge. That means they must be heading for the Beeker Pass. It's the only way through that direction. We can cut 'em

off, can't we?" Curley looked at the Judge with anxious eyes.

"We! Now, wait a minute, son," said the Judge kindly, looking down at Curley's earnest eyes. "This is man's work, boy, and there's likely to be trouble. You've done your part already." The Judge turned to the men gathering around. "Well, boys, it looks like Curley's found our rustlers for us. We're headin' for Beeker Pass. Saddle up, and don't forget your guns. Jake, you ride over to the Perkins' and the Trotts' first, and get their men to meet us there. OK, let's get goin'!"

"But Judge, I . . ." Curley began.

"Now, son," said the Judge. "You go on home and tell your Pa we'll meet him at Devil's Rock on top of the pass. We can spot the herd comin' from there, but they won't be able to see us. It's up to your Pa whether you join us or not, but it's no place for a boy!"

Curley disconsolately mounted his pony and headed her for home.

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Curley had no more luck with his father than he had had with the Judge. Even if Mr. Holt had wavered in his decision, Curley's mother was firm. "It's bad enough for your Pa and the men to go off on something like this," she said, "without havin' to look after a young 'un like you." Then, realizing she had hurt Curley's feelings to the quick, added, "Besides, I need somebody here to protect me in case something happens. Isn't that right, Curley?"

The boy, too disappointed to answer, walked out to the corral, where his father and the hands were getting ready to leave. The deepening dusk increased their grim foreboding and tenseness.

". . . And this time we'll put an end to their dirty thievin'," his father was saying. "Charlie, you take your gang on down the other side of the Beeker Trail. The rest of us will meet the Judge and his boys at Devil's Rock. We'll have Big Tom and his boys trapped. Come on, let's get goin'!"

"Pa, don't forget . . ." Curley's voice was lost in the beat of hooves and the rattle of gear. "Hey, Pa! Pa! Canada Gulch! Don't forget Canada Gulch. There's a trail up there leading out of Beeker that Big Tom would know! Pa!" But the men were already disappearing into the dusk. Mr. Holt turned and waved farewell to Curley.

Back in the ranchhouse, Mrs. Holt tried to interest Curley in dinner, but the boy was sunk in gloom.

"I don't know if he heard me. Maybe he doesn't know about that trail, Mom. Big Tom and his men could get out of the trap that way," said Curley.

"Stop worryin', son!" replied Mrs. Holt. "Your Pa knows these hills just as well as you do, so stop frettin'." She smoothed his tumbled hair, a motherly gesture that made Curley stiffen and glower at this reflection of adolescence. "Let's get to bed. We'll want to be up as soon as they get back. Then you'll hear all about what happened."

An hour later, all was still and dark in the house except for the lantern shining in the window—a guide to the avenging men. The first rays of the rising moon caught and reflected the movement of a figure stealthily approaching the corral.

"Rickets! Here, Rickets!" The whisper reached the alerted ears of the pinto. "Come on, boy! Quiet now!" Swiftly and silently Curley saddled and bridled Rickets, then led him through the corral gate. The creaking hinges shattered the stillness, but the sound brought no reaction from the house. As soon as Curley felt they were out of ear-shot, he urged the eager pony on through the moonlight. "Come on, Rickets! We've got to find that trail we discovered last summer. I don't know if we can do it, but we gotta try!" And he headed the pony toward the hills north of Beeker Pass.

The same moon that gave a guiding light for Curley and Rickets glinted on the barrels of the men surrounding the top of the pass. Tense and anxious they waited. Each sound that drifted through the trees brought taut fingers around each trigger. The slip of a pebble, the hoot of an owl, made each man lean forward in grim preparedness. Then the first sound of a herd moving up the pass broke the stillness.

"There they are, Judge!" said Mr. Holt as he moved closer to the crouched figure. "About five more minutes should bring them into range. The moonlight will make a perfect target out of them." He gave a low whistle, the signal that brought all the waiting men into alert position.

Slowly the herd moved up the pass, edged along by five men who, with muffled calls and snapping reins, were guiding the cattle—cattle with the Holts' Crooked Y brand and the B-B of Judge Baker. Then, as two of the rustlers moved in perfect silhouette against the moon, the first rifle cracked.

"Ambush!" Big Tom Stegler swirled his horse and raced forward. "Forget the cattle. On through the pass! It's our only chance." The cattle, panicked by the now-constant firing and the clattering hooves, heaved and shoved in aimless fright.

The two rustlers behind the herd tried to pass the cattle and join Big Tom, but the milling animals and the confusion of the darkness baffled them. "Ai-e-e-e!" A frantic scream told the ranchmen that one of the rustlers had gone down under the grinding hooves of the cattle. Then the Judge caught the second with a bullet that sent him spinning to the ground. Two more rustlers threw their guns to the ground and waved their kerchiefs in surrender. Only Big Tom, at the head of the herd, escaped. But the Judge and Mr. Holt knew that he, too, would be caught by the men stationed farther down the pass.

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The echoing reverberation of the bullets reached the ears of Curley and Rickets, who were just entering the trail down Canada Gulch that joined Beeker Pass. Obscured by the undergrowth and tumbled rocks, the darkness made the trail almost unrecognizable, but Rickets' sharp hooves and sensitive ears picked out the right direction.

"They've got 'em, Rickets!" whispered Curley. "Listen to the firing!" The courage that had sustained the gangling boy this far began to fail. He nervously fingered the heavy six-shooter that he had taken from the living-room mantel.

"Hey, Rickets, somebody's coming this way!" said Curley, who was now somewhat panicky. "Gee! I wonder if it's . . . It might be Big Tom! But it might be Dad or—or the Judge! I don't know!" Reining in Rickets,

Curley realized he was hemmed in. Whoever was coming—ranchman or rustler—must cross Curley's path. The boy would be no match for Big Tom, either with a gun or in a scrap. And if it was one of the ranchers, Curley might easily be mistaken for a rustler. The unknown horseman was rapidly approaching.

Curley fired into the air. "Get him, men!" he shouted, in the deepest baritone he could muster. Then, "Here he comes!" and "Aim for his horse!"—each in as different a voice as he could manage—each punctuated with a shot from his unaimed gun. He pulled Ricketts back and forth across the rocks, making the hoofbeats sound like those of many horses, instead of one undersize pinto pony.

The ruse worked. Big Tom stopped dead in the path, turned his horse quickly, and raced back down the trail. He was too bent on escape to distinguish what he had heard, and the hoofbeats of his own horse drowned out the giveaway break in Curley's adolescent voice that left him shouting threats in a high soprano. Big Tom Stegler never knew that what he thought was another ambush was only a young boy on a small pinto, and that one second after his retreat, they turned in a panic and raced for home as hard as they

could. Big Tom reached Beeker Pass Trail all right—just in time to be caught in the stampeding herd of cattle he had tried to steal. The ranchers found him there later, mangled beyond recognition.

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The part that Curley and Ricketts had played in the ambush wasn't known until dawn of the next day, when the ranchers returned.

"What I don't understand," said the Judge to Mrs. Holt, "is why Big Tom turned back. He could have gotten clean away through Canada Gulch. We didn't have a single man there."

"Yes, you did!" said Curley. Half in fright at his disobedience of the night before, half in surprised recognition of his own courage, Curley told them of what he had done. First laughter, then disbelief, and finally amazement met his story.

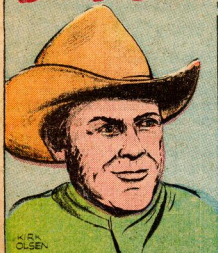
"Well, I'll be . . ." Curley's father clapped him on the back. "So it took a kid to corner Big Tom!"

"Kid, my eye!" said the Judge. "You've got another man in the family now, Holt. Curley, I apologize for belittling you this afternoon. I guess there's no doubt about who the hero of Beeker Pass is." THE END

SURE AS SHOOTIN'

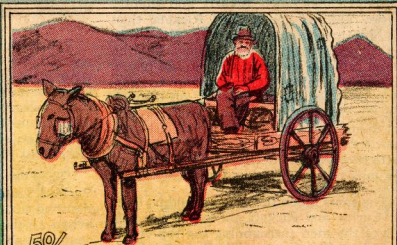
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CLAUDE MOORE

DRAWN ESPECIALLY FOR "BLACK DIAMOND WESTERN"!



KIRK OLSEN

SWORE OUT A WARRANT FOR THE ARREST OF FUZZY PETE FOR STEALING IN COURT FUZZY WAS FOUND GUILTY AND ORDERED TO PAY A HEAVY FINE BUT FUZZY PETE PROVED TO THE COURT THAT HE WAS PENNILESS SO THE JUDGE ORDERED KIRK OLSEN TO PAY THE FINE AS THE COURT COULD NOT BE EXPECTED TO OPERATE AT A LOSS.



50/50!

TOM BRADY AND BUSTER HOGAN STARTED FOR CALIFORNIA AS PARTNERS, BUT HALFWAY ACROSS THE CONTINENT THEY HAD AN ARGUMENT AND DECIDED TO SPLIT UP!

THEY DIVIDED EVERYTHING — EACH TOOK A MULE — HALF OF THE SUPPLIES — HALF OF THE WATER AND HALF OF THE WAGON! YES, THEY ACTUALLY DID CUT THE WAGON IN HALF — EACH FIXING HIS HALF SO THAT THE MULE COULD PULL IT ON TO FRISCO!



BINGBANG BUSTER



AND HIS HORSE HEDY

ACCORDING TO THIS MAP POOR OLD HECTOR RECTOR THE PROSPECTOR WILLED TO ME, THERE'S A RICH LODE OF GOLD RIGHT CLOSE AROUND HERE!



DIDJA HEAR WHAT HE SAID, BOSS? LET'S PERFORATE HIS PATE AND TRAP THAT MAP!

DON'T BE SO DUMB, CACTUSCONK! LET HIM DO THE DIGGIN' AND SWEATIN'! IF HE FINDS ANYTHING, THEN WE'LL TAKE OVER!

CHEE, BOSS-- THAT'S RIGHT! YOU SHORE GOTTA LOTTA BRAINS!

NATCHERLY! AND I DEVELOPED 'EM INTO THE INTULLECTYUL GENIUS I NOW AM!

HOT HORSE HARNESS! THIS IS GOLD! WE'VE STRUCK A RICH PITCH, HEDY!

WHEE-EEF-EEF-EEF!



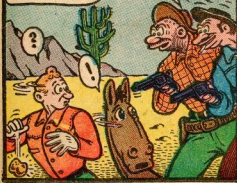
DROP EVERYTHING, SHRIAP! WE'RE MOVIN' IN -- AND YOU'RE MOVIN' OUT!

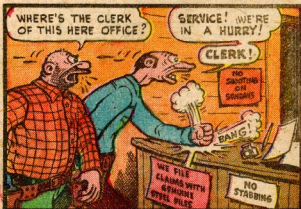
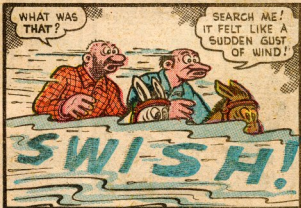
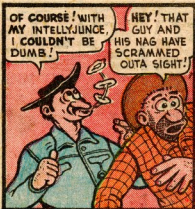
SUITS ME! I WAS JUST ABOUT TO START ON MY WAY TO FILE MY CLAIM!

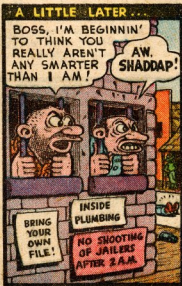
NAW YA DON'T! STAND STILL WHILE I PLUG YER MUG!

HOLD IT, CACTUSCONK! AS LONG AS HE'S WILLIN' TO LEAVE PEACEABLE, LET THE BO GO!

BUT BOSS-- HE--







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by SIDNEY A. ELIAS

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Benito
Juarez

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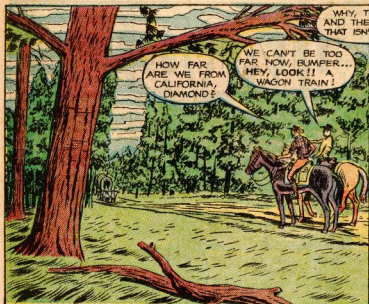
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the **BLACK DIAMOND**

AND "THE PIT OF THE KILLER BEAR OF DEVIL'S VALLEY!"



OVER THE ANCIENT TRAILS OF THE PADRES GOES BOB VALE, AS THE BLACK DIAMOND, TO THE NEW LAND BEYOND THE MOUNTAINS—TO GOLDEN CALIFORNIA, AND INTO A DANGEROUS ADVENTURE WITH CASE BARRON, WHO HOLDS HIS STOLEN LAND IN A FEUDAL LORD'S GRIP, SUPPRESSING ALL WHO DARE TRESPASS INTO DEVIL'S VALLEY!



HOW FAR ARE WE FROM CALIFORNIA, DIAMOND?

WE CAN'T BE TOO FAR NOW, BUMPER... HEY, LOOK!! A WAGON TRAIN!



WHY, THERE ARE DOZENS OF THEM, AND THEY'RE HEADIN' EASTWARD! THAT ISN'T RIGHT!

COME ON—WE'LL FIND OUT WHY!



WHERE ARE YOU GOING, MISTER? CALIFORNIA'S THE OTHER WAY!

NOT FOR US IT AIN'T, MR. MARSHAL! WE'RE HEADIN' THE OTHER WAY—AN' FAST!—WHERE A MAN CAN RAISE A FAMILY WITHOUT FEAR OF BEIN' RUN OUT OR KILLED!



WHAT DO YOU MEAN, SIR?

CASE BARRON, THAT'S WHAT I MEAN! HE OWNS THE WHOLE OF DEVILS VALLEY, AN' HE'S STILL GRABBIN' FOR MORE! A SMALL RANCHER DOESN'T HAVE A CHANCE AGAINST HIS POLITICAL INFLUENCE AN' HIRED GUNMEN!



BUT WHAT DOES THE GOVERNMENT SAY ABOUT THIS VIOLATION OF LAND CLAIMS?

THE ONLY GOVERNMENT IN DEVILS VALLEY IS CASE BARRON, AN' THOSE WHO DON'T AGREE OFTEN AS NOT TURN UP DEAD!



WHERE WILL WE FIND THIS CASE BARRON MISTER?

YOU CAN'T MISS HIM! JUST KEEP RIDIN' TILL YOU RUN INTO BARBED WIRE AN' GUNS—THAT'LL BE HIM!

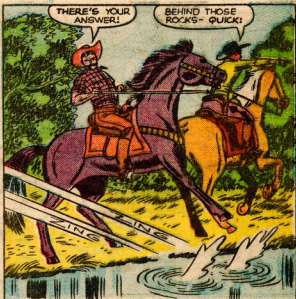


SO THAT'S THE WAY IT IS—A LAND MONOPOLY! IT LOOKS LIKE WE'VE GOT A JOB CUT OUT FOR US! LET'S GO, RELIAPON!

GIDDAP, EL LOBO!



WE MUST BE WELL INTO DEVIL'S VALLEY NOW! I WONDER WHEN WE RUN INTO BARRON'S PROPERTIES!



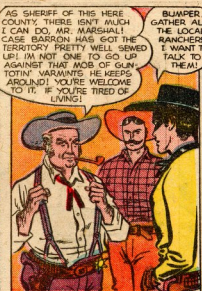
THERE'S YOUR ANSWER!

BEHIND THOSE ROCKS - QUICK!



WE'RE GETTING NOWHERE THIS WAY! LET'S GET INTO TOWN AND SEE WHAT CAN LEGALLY BE DONE!

RIGHT!

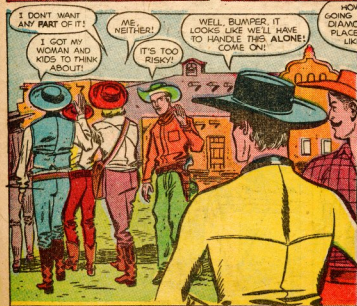


AS SHERIFF OF THIS HERE COUNTY, THERE ISN'T MUCH I CAN DO, MR. MARSHAL! CASE BARRON HAS GOT THE TERRITORY PRETTY WELL SEWED UP! I'M NOT ONE TO GO UP AGAINST THAT MOB OF GUN-TOTIN' VARMINTS HE KEEPS AROUND! YOU'RE WELCOME TO IT, IF YOU'RE TIRED OF LIVING!

BUMPER, GATHER ALL THE LOCAL RANCHERS! I WANT TO TALK TO THEM!



MEN, YOU'RE ALL RANCHERS HERE! ARE YOU GOING TO LET THIS MAN CHEAT YOU OUT OF YOUR RIGHTS AS LAND OWNERS? WHY DON'T YOU FORM A POSSE AND RIDE HIM AND HIS HENCHMEN OUT OF THE TERRITORY?



I DON'T WANT ANY PART OF IT!

ME, NEITHER!

IT'S TOO RISKY!

WELL BUMPER, IT LOOKS LIKE WE'LL HAVE TO HANDLE THIS ALONE! COME ON!

I GOT MY WOMAN AND KIDS TO THINK ABOUT!

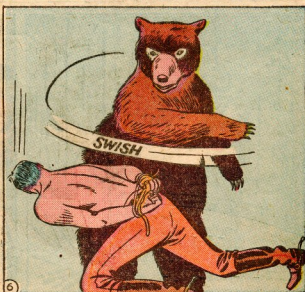
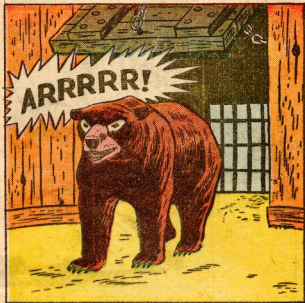
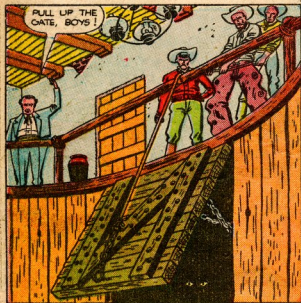


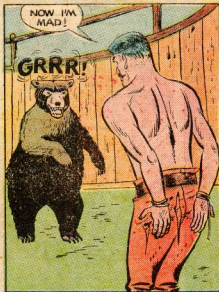
HOW ARE WE GOING TO WORK THIS, DIAMOND? BARRON'S PLACE IS GUARDED LIKE A BANK!

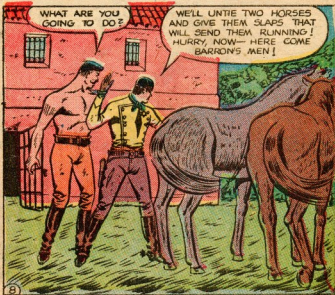
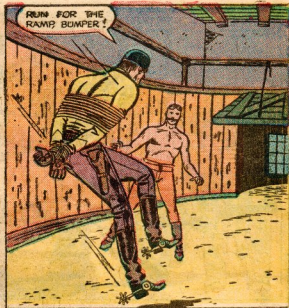
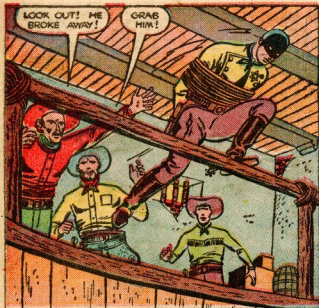
OUR BEST BET IS TO TRY WHEN IT'S DARK! WE'LL START TONIGHT, WHEN THE MOON GOES DOWN!

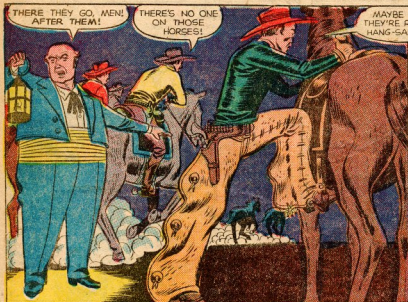












THERE THEY GO, MEN!
AFTER THEM!

THERE'S NO ONE
ON THOSE
HORSES!

MAYBE
THEY'RE RIDIN'
HANG-SADDLE!



THEY FELL
FOR IT! COME
ON-WHILE THEY'RE
GONE, WE'VE GOT
WORK TO
DO!

I WANT TO
WORK ON
BARRON!



I THINK
YOU'LL
GET YOUR
CHANCE!

GOOD! I'VE
GOT SOMETHING
SPECIAL FOR
HIM, AFTER THAT
BEAR EPISODE!



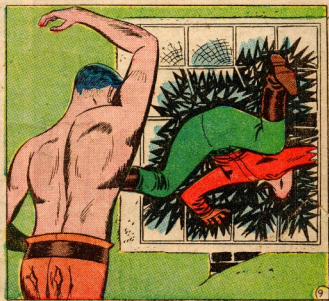
I'M GOING TO TURN IN,
ROD! THERE'S BEEN A BIT
TOO MUCH EXCITEMENT FOR
ME TONIGHT! I'M DONE IN-
DON'T WAKE ME WHEN
THEY BRING THOSE TWO
BACK! JUST HANG
'EM BY THEIR FEET
TILL MORNING!

SURE
THING,
BOSS!



DON'T
HOLLER - OR
I'LL BREAK YOU
IN TWO!

HEY!





WHAT WAS THAT CRASH?



YOUR GUARD JUST STEPPED OUTSIDE— THE HARD WAY!

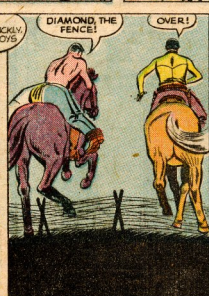
WHIA... WHAT ARE YOU GOING TO DO TO ME?

HOLD HIM WHILE I CALL RELIAPON AND EL LOBO!



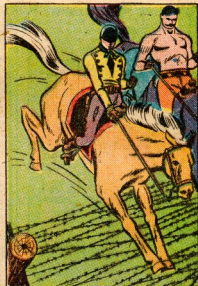
WOW! IS HE A HEAVY TUB OF LARD!

TIE HIM TO YOUR HORSE, QUICKLY, BEFORE HIS BOYS RETURN!



DIAMOND, THE FENCE!

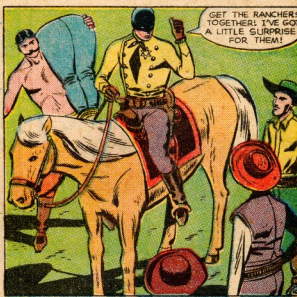
OVER!



HEY! WHO'S THAT RIDING IN?

WHY— IT'S THAT MASKED MARSHAL! I WONDER WHAT'S UP?

HEY, LOOK! HE'S GOT SOMEONE HUNG OVER HIS HORSE!



GET THE RANCHERS TOGETHER! I'VE GOT A LITTLE SURPRISE FOR THEM!





WE'VE LOOKED HIGH AND LOW, AND WE STILL CAN'T FIND THE BOSS! THOSE TWO GUYS MUST HAVE RUN OFF WITH HIM!

WHAT WILL WE DO? GO INTO TOWN?

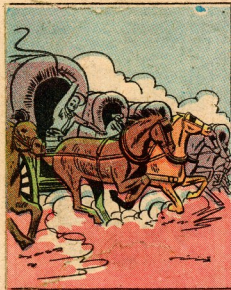
WE'D BETTER NOT TAKE THE CHANCE! THEY MIGHT BE LAYING FOR US!



HEY! WHAT'S THAT NOISE?

WHY-IT SOUNDS LIKE WAGONS-A LOT OF THEM!

BUT IT COULDN'T BE!



LOOK! THEY'RE PAST THE FENCE! HUNDREDS OF THEM! GET THE REST OF THE BOYS- WE'LL STAND THEM OFF!

NO, THANKS- NOT ME! THERE'RE TOO MANY OF THEM!



COME BACK AN' FIGHT, YOU COWARDS! THE BOSS WILL-ER-THE DICKENS WITH THE BOSS! I'M GONNA RUN, TOO!



I'M WATCHING MY OWN SKIN!



AND SO WITHOUT THEIR LEADER, THE COWARDLY CASE BARRON GANG QUICKLY DISBANDED, AND PEACE AND PROSPERITY RETURNED TO DEVIL'S VALLEY...



DIAMOND, HOW CAN WE EVER THANK YOU FOR TURNING DEVIL'S VALLEY INTO HAPPY VALLEY?

I DON'T NEED ANY THANKS- THIS COUNTRY HAS NO PLACE FOR LAND-GRABBERS! THE GOVERNMENT NEEDS PLENTY OF SOLID FAMILIES TO BUILD THESE TERRITORIES INTO A GREAT NATION! I DID MY JOB, AND YOU'RE DOING YOURS!

THE END



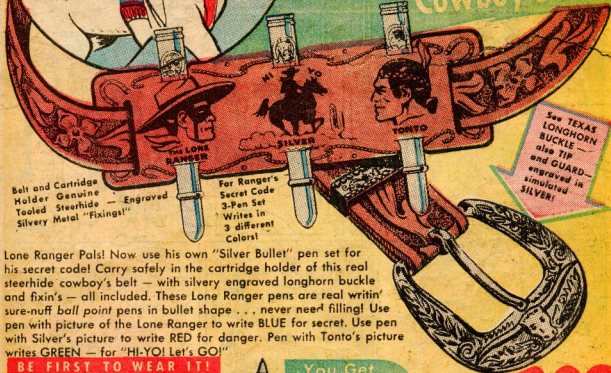
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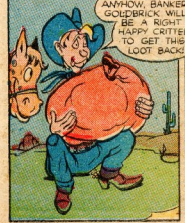
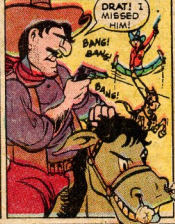
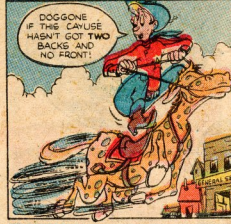
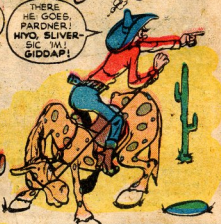
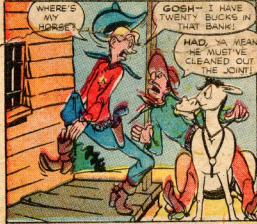
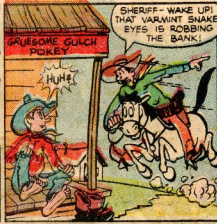
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